

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

On page 1, insert between the title and the first paragraph. --

This application is the national stage of PCT/EP03/03506 filed on April 04, 2003 and also claims Paris Convention priority of DE 102 16 984.5 filed on April 16, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 1, insert as a title prior to the last paragraph

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 5 insert as a title prior to the brief description of the drawing --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

On page 5 replace the brief description of the drawing as follows --

- Fig. 1 shows a network comprising several network nodes and an interconnecting network;
- Fig. 2 shows a first flow chart which can be applied in a network node;
- Fig. 3 shows a first timing diagram to explain the inventive network;
- Fig. 4 shows a second timing diagram to explain the inventive network;
- Fig. 5 shows a third timing diagram to explain the inventive network; and

Fig. 6 shows a second flow chart which can be applied in a network node. --.

On page 5 insert as a title following the brief description of the drawing --

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --.

On page 36 replace as a title on line one "Claims" with

-- WE CLAIM: --